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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH

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Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW,
CHOWANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and
Ports on the YANGTSE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
 *Canton*
Captain Nix, will be
despatched as above on
TUESDAY, the 17th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, August 9, 1886. 1533

GIBB LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
Calling at **PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS, taking through Cargo**
to ADELAIDE, TASMANIA and
NEW ZEALAND.)

The Steamship
Sith,
 Capt. FOOTLAND, due on
 the 12th Instant, with
 part Cargo from JAPAN & FORMOSA, will
 be despatched *as above* on **WEDNESDAY,**
 the 13th Instant, at 4 p.m.

The Steamer has excellent Accommodation
 for First-class Passengers.


For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
 Managers.

Hongkong, August 9, 1886. 1529

**NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE
ITALIANA FLORIO & RUBATTINO
UNITED COMPANIES.**

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
BOMBAY, ADEN, PORT SAID,
NAPLES, LEGHORN, GENOA, AND
MARSEILLES.

Taking Cargo at through rates to all MED.

TURKMANIAN & ALEXANDRINE
 PORTS, ODESSA & EVANSTON
 and, also to NEW YORK & BUENOS
 AYRES. (MONTEVIDEO).

 The Co.'s Steamship
Bormida
 will be despatched on
 above on or about the
 10th September
 To be followed by the Steamer *R.
 Rudolph* on or about the 23rd September.
 The Steamers have ample Accommo-
 dation for Passengers and carry a Doctor
 and Stewards.
 For further Particulars regarding Freight
 and Passage, apply to
 CARLOWITZ & Co.,
 Agents,
 Hongkong, August 9, 1880. 1026

FOR NEW YORK.
The 3/3 L.1.1. American Ship
Master,
BURNHAM, will load here
for the above Port, and will
have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, July 28, 1886. 1455

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The 3/3 L.1.1. American Ship

MR. DOUGLAS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, July 14, 1886. 1889

Notices to Consignees.

FROM HAMBURG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Tonni*, Captain SCHULZ, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded, upon notice to the contrary being given before 5 p.m. To-DAY, the 7th Instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 4th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Claims will be admitted after the

NO FIRE Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, August 7, 1886. 1518

STEAMSHIP IRAOUADY.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London, Antwerp, Rotterdam, and Bordeaux, on Steamships *Xorvick* and *Gerard de Selve*, in connection with the above steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables—are being loaded and stored at their risk at the Company's wharves, and delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon **TO-DAY (Friday)**, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

Cargo remaining unclaimed after **FRIDAY, the 12th Instant**, at Noon will be subject to rent, and landing charges at 1 cent per package per diem.

All Claims must be sent in to us on or before **MONDAY, the 16th August**, or they will not be recognised.

NO FIRE Insurance has been effected.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, August 6, 1886. 1511

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE FOR SALE
THE FOLLOWING

STORES.

EX AMERICAN MAIL STEAMER.

Smoked HAMS.
Golden SYRUP in Gallon Tins.
Assorted SYRUPS.
COTTAGE'S TABLE FRUITS.
ASPARAGUS.
Queen OLIVES.
Sausage MEAT.
Caviar.
Potted MEATS.
MACKEREL in 5lb Tins.
Eagle Brand MILK.
Lamb's TONGUES.
Green CORN.
Baked BEANS.
BROWN.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT

COOKING AND PARLOUR

STOVES.

AGATE IRON WARE COOKING
UTENSILS.
WROUGHT IRONS.
CHARCOAL IRONS.
KEROSENE LAMPS.
NONPAREIL KEROSENE OIL.

WINES, &c.

SPARKLING SAUMUR, Pils. & Qs. @
\$11 and \$12.
CUP CHAMPAGNE, Pils. & Qs. @ \$12
and \$14.
SACON'S SHERRY.
SACON'S INVALID PORT.
ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.
JAMESON'S WHISKY.
OLD BOURBON WHISKY.
HEERING'S CHERRY CORDIAL.
ASSORTED LEQUEURS.
DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER.

&c., &c., &c.

THE USUAL ASSORTMENT

OILMAN'S STORES,
at the

Lowest Possible Prices
FOR CASH.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
Hongkong, July 1, 1886. 1268

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. Straits of Gibraltar, Captain
DEWLE, having arrived from the
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
requested to send their Bills of Lading to the
Underwriters, and to take immediate delivery of their
Goods from alongside.
Cargo impeding the discharge will be
landed at the KOWLOON PIERS, and
there stored in Godowns at Consignees' risk
and expense.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, un-
less notice to the contrary be given before
noon to-day, the 6th instant.
No claim will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all
Goods remaining after the 15th instant will
be subject to rent.
All Claims must reach us before 4 p.m.
of the 16th instant, or they will not be
recognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, August 6, 1886. 1523

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Japan having arrived from the
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
requested to send their Bills of Lading to the
Underwriters, and to take immediate delivery of their
Goods from alongside.
Cargo impeding the discharge will be
landed at the KOWLOON PIERS, and
there stored in Godowns at Consignees' risk
and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be
effected.
Consignees are hereby informed that all
Claims must be made immediately, as none
will be entertained after the 11th instant.

DAVID SASSOON, BONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 3, 1886. 1493

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour.

ALEX. McNEIL, American ship, Capt. G.
W. David—Messageries Maritimes.
ANNE H. SMITH, American ship, Capt.
R. B. Brown—Arnold, Karberg & Co.
BARK J. L. BROWN, Amer. barque, Capt.
John A. Plum—Chinese.
GALATRA, British ship, Captain William
Colville—Borneo Co., Ltd.
J. D. PERREZ, American ship, Capt. G.
A. Lane—Messageries Maritimes.
LLOYD A. NICKLES, American ship, Capt.
C. M. Nichols—Edward Schellhaus & Co.
McLAUREN, American ship, Capt. Jas. H.
Little—Melchers & Co.
R. B. THOMAS, American ship, Capt. P.
B. Nichols—Adams, Bell & Co.
REVOLVING LIGHT, British ship, Capt. J.
A. Durkee—Messageries Maritimes.
Suez, British steamer, Captain Dodd—
Gibb, Livingston & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship
Glenlyon, Captain SHIMMUS, will be
despatched on or about the 17th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, August 10, 1886. 1535

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the
Office of the Company, No. 14, Praya
Central, on MONDAY, the 30th August,
at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Directors, and a Statement
of Accounts to 30th June, 1886.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 16th to 20th
August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, DAVID GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, August 10, 1886. 1530

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

**THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF
NEW YORK** will be despatched for
San Francisco, via Yokohama, on
THURSDAY, the 2nd September, at 3 p.m.,
taking Passengers and Freight for Japan,
the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Inland Cities of the United States, via Over-
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America, by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.
Return Passengers—Passengers, who
have paid full fare, re-embarking at San
Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa)
within six months, will be allowed a discount
of 20% from Return Fare; if re-embarking
within one year, an allowance of 10% will
be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Re-
turn Passage Orders, available for one year,
will be issued at a discount of 25% from
Return Fare. These allowances do not apply
to through fares from China and Japan to
Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4
p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel
Packages will be received at the office until
5 p.m. the same day. Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo
destined to ports beyond San Francisco
should be sent to the Company's Office in
Colonial Envelopes, addressed to the Collector
of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.
C. D. HARMAN,
Agent.

Hongkong, August 10, 1886. 1538

To-day's Advertisements.

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

The Co's Steamship
Zafiro, Captain TAYLOR, will be
despatched for the above
Port on FRIDAY, the 13th instant, at 5
p.m., instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, August 10, 1886. 1536

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

THE Steamship GABLO will be
despatched for San Francisco, via
Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 24th inst.,
at 3 p.m.

Connection being made at Yokohama,
with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan
ports.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to
address in full; and same will be received at
the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the
day previous to sailing.

Return Passengers, who
have paid full fare, re-embarking at San
Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa)
within six months, will be allowed a discount
of 20% from Return Fare; if re-embarking
within one year, an allowance of 10% will
be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Re-
turn Passage Orders, available for one year,
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Return Fare. These allowances do not apply
to through fares from China and Japan to
Europe.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo
destined to ports beyond San Francisco
should be sent to the Company's Office, at
San Francisco, addressed to the Collector of
Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.
C. D. HARMAN,
Agent.

Hongkong, August 10, 1886. 1537

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

August 9, 1886.

Ovari Maru, Japanese steamer, 683 J.
Thomas, Chofu Aug. 4, General—ORDER.
Three Brothers, British barque, 365, H.
Kahleke, Quinhon August 4, General—Ez
Tay Heng.

Iduna, German steamer, 297, N. Emke,
Tamsui and Amoy August 7, General—C. M.
S. N. Co.

Monk, British steamer, 849, P. H.
Loff, Bangkok August 4, Rice—Yuen Fat
Hong.

Pesahur, British steamer, 1,130, L. H.
Moula, Shanghai August 7, Mails and
General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Kut Sang, British steamer, from Whampoa.
Peking, British steamer, from Whampoa.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Captain.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Hamburg, and Ports of Call.	Oder (s)	E. Pfeiffer.	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	September 3, at noon.
Galley of Lorne (s)	Pomroy.	Russell & Co.	Russell & Co.	August 11, at 4 p.m.
London, and Ports of Call.	Peshawar (s)	L. H. Moule.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	August 12, at 4 p.m.
London, via Suez Canal.	Telenachus (s)	Russell & Co.	Russell & Co.	August 14, at 4 p.m.
London, via Suez Canal.	Gordon Castle (s)	Russell & Co.	Russell & Co.	August 17, at 4 p.m.
London, via Suez Canal.	Clanryan (s)	Russell & Co.	Russell & Co.	August 17, at 4 p.m.
Manila.	Zafiro (s)	Taylor.	THE CHINA MAIL.	About August 17.
Manila.	Melbourne (s)	de la Marcella.	Messageries Maritimes.	August 17, at 5 p.m.
Manila.	Bormida (s)	E. Pfeiffer.	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	August 19, at noon.
New York, via Suez Canal.	Albany (s)	E. Pfeiffer.	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	About September 10.
New York.	Pactolus.	Burnham.	O. & O. S. N. Co.	August 17, at 3 p.m.
San Francisco, via Yokohama.	Gaulle (s)	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Adamson, Bell & Co.	August 15, at 3 p.m.
San Francisco, via Yokohama.	City of New York (s)	Russell & Co.	Russell & Co.	August 14, at 3 p.m.
San Francisco, via Yokohama.	St. Stephen.	Douglas.	Russell & Co.	August 14, at 3 p.m.
Shanghai.	Kutsang (s)	Young.	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	August 11, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai.	Oder (s)	E. Pfeiffer.	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai, via Amoy.	Dardanus (s)	Purdy.	Butterfield & Swire.	August 14, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai, via Amoy.	Cyclops (s)	Nich.	Swire, Nisbet & Co.	August 17, at 4 p.m.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.	Lipacas (s)	P. S. Gardner.	Davies, Sisson, Sons & Co.	August 15, at 3 p.m.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.	Suez (s)	J. Anderson.	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	August 16, at 3 p.m.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.	Sikh (s)	Seotland.	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	August 18, at 4 p.m.
Trieste, &c.	Pesidra (s)	G. Donich.	O. Bachrach.	August 14, at noon.
Trieste, &c.	Pandora (s)	J. Radonich.	O. Bachrach.	About August 17.
Yokohama, Kobe and Nagasaki.	Stettin (s)	E. F. W. Warnke.	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	About August 14.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

August 10, 1886.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Position.	Balance.	Last Dividend.	Closing Quotations.
BANKS.						
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	90,000	125 1/2	14	63,800.38	22 div., & 10 p.c.	165 1/2 prem.
INSURANCES.						
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	5,000	200 1/2	31	1,212,639.35	10 Dec. 31, 1884.	115 1/2
Yongtze Insurance Company, Ltd.	8,000	25 1/2	25	3,069.70	14 for 1 yr.	115 1/2
Union Insurance Society Co., Ltd.	10,000	250 1/2	25	575,000	31 p. sh. 1884.	115 1/2
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	83 3/8	25	2,000,000	31 p. sh. 1884.	115 1/2
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	16,000	250 1/2	25	155,000	10 p. sh. 1884.	115 1/2
Chinese Insurance Co., Limited.	1,500	1,000	20 1/2	28,711.50	2,998.99 1/2 for 1885.	118 1/2
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	250 1/2	25	1,000,000	283,482.50 1/2 for 1884.	118 1/2
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	100 1/2	20 1/2	666,700	228,811.07 1/2 for 1884.	118 1/2
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.						
H. K. & M. Steamship Co., Ltd.	8,000	100 1/2	100	100,000	34,522.0	114 1/2
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited.	20,000	50 1/2	50 1/2	86,764.10	402.22 1/2 year-end.	114 1/2
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited.	18,387 1/2	10 1/2	10	117,167.3	12 1/2 for 1884.	114 1/2
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.	3,500	100	all	...	...	25 discount
MISCELLANEOUS.						
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	12,500	125 1/2	125 1/2	18,000	6,551.68 1/2 half year.	112 1/2 prem.
H. K. & China Gas Co., Limited.	5,000	10 1/2	10 1/2	9,177.31 1/2	10 1/2 and 2 1/2 bonus for 1884.	112 1/2
New Shares.	1,900 1/2	10 1/2	7 1/2	...	...	112 1/2
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	2,000	100	100	...	1,175.07 Old, \$6	119 1/2 per share, cash
China Sugar Company, Limited.	9,000	10 1/2	10 1/2	...	13,451.81 New	110 per share
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited.	5,000	25 1/2	25 1/2	30,000	1,125.83 New	140 per share
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ltd.	6,000	30 1/2	30 1/2	6,000	690.66 1/2	112 1/2 " ex div.
London Sugar Company, Limited.	7,000	100 1/2	100 1/2	...	1,084.62 1/2	110 " "
Perak Tin Mining & S'g Co., Ltd.	5,000	50	all	...	...	110 " "
Selangore Tin Mining Co. (S'hai).	2,500	100	all	...	...	110 " "
Punjab & S'g Co. S'hai.	40,000	10 1/2	5	...	...	110 " buyers
MINING CO.						
H'kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	2,000	50	all	...	First year	110 " or div.
H. K. & M. Glass Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	4,000	50 1/2	50 1/2	...	...	112 1/2 buyers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.	3,800	100	all	...	...	112 1/2
LOANS.						
Chinese Imperial 1881	8,565 1/2	500	all	...	Rate of Int.	112 1/2
" " 1884	2,790	500	all	...	Payable.	112 1/2
" " 1884	2,790	500	all	...	...	112 1/2
" " 1884	2,790	500	all	...	...	112 1/2
Chinese Imp. (Ch. Bank Loan) 1885	2,790	500	all	...	...	112 1/2

A. G. STOKES, Share Broker.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For MANILA.
For Zafiro, at 3.30 p.m., on Wednesday,
the 11th inst.

For KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA.
For Gally of Lorne, at 3.30 p.m., on Wed-
nesday, the 11th inst.

For STRAITS AND CALCUTTA.
For Jappa, at 2.30 p.m., on Friday, the
13th inst.

For NAGASAKI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA.
For Thibet, at 2 p.m., on Saturday, the
14th inst.

For SAIGON.
For Dardanus, at 4.30 p.m., on Saturday,
the 14th inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.
For Suez, at 3.30 p.m., on Monday, the
16th inst.

For PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY IS-
LAND, COCKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE,
E. BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MEL-
BOURNE, &c.
For Suez, at 3.30 p.m., on Wednesday,
the 18th inst.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

4 p.m.—Kutsang leaves for Shanghai.

4 p.m.—Gally of Lorne leaves for KOBÉ and Yokohama.

5 p.m.—Zafiro leaves for Manila, &c.

Miscellaneous.

Claims against the Japan must be made on or before this date.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, August 13:—

Goods per Steamer Ivanoffy unclaimed after Noon subject to rent and landing charges at 1 cent per package per diem.

Goods per Straits of Gibraltar undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, August 14:—

Goods per Steamer Ivanoffy undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Registers of Shares of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, closed from this date to 28th inst., inclusive.

MONDAY, August 16:—

Transfer Books of Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., closed from this date to the 30th instant, inclusive.

TUESDAY, August 17:—

Transfer Books of China Traders' Ins. Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 30th instant, inclusive.

THURSDAY, August 19:—

11 a.m.—Auction of Valuable Leasehold Properties at Bowington.

SATURDAY, August 25:—

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at the City Hall.

MONDAY, August 30:—

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., at No. 14, Praya Central.

4 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., at Head Office.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANFOO.

For Swatow, Amoy & Taiwanfoo, on Wed-
nesday, the 11th inst.

For SHANGHAI:—

For Kut Sang, at 3.30 p.m., on Wednes-
day, the 11th inst.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

SUMMER REQUISITES.

LIME JUICE CORDIAL.

PRICKLY HEAT LOTION.

AMERICAN BAY RUM.

A. S. WATSON & Co.'s

FLORIDA WATER,

350 per dozen.

GLASS TABLE FILTERS,

SILICATED CARBON

FILTERS,

in various sizes and improved patterns.

A. S. WAT

an annual tribute of from £60,000,000 to £80,000,000.

Now the very case given above tells in favour of the view so strongly insisted on in our article, viz., that the appreciation of gold arises from causes beyond the control of Governments. It is not the value of land alone, nor of potatoes, alone, which is expressed (for the convenience of trade) in gold and silver, but the whole stock of the world's productions. As regards any individual article there may at any time be special causes which may send the price up or down against the regular stream of tendency generally. We would recommend the writer in the *Daily Press* to choose better and more closely analogous examples. Land is at the present moment affected by so many causes—one of the chief of which is fear of alteration in the present land-laws—that it is not a good example to take. We give our critic a better example:

Cotton—Imports to Great Britain.
1881, 1,076,122,000 lbs. Average price, 1d. 1885, 1,409,917,000 " " 5g.

We would also ask the *Daily Press* if it considers in the words of Frank Leslie's paper that it is only the Rothschilds who are interested in the 150 to 200 thousand millions owed by the Rest of the World to India. We rather think it is the investors of Great Britain generally. We would also commend to the local authority on political economy the consideration of the following paragraph, from the *Economist* of 20th Feb. 1886 (page 44), and suggest that, as these great questions of economics are still exceedingly open amongst the highest living authorities, it may fairly be conceded that dogmatizing upon them in a small Colony like Hongkong is not the most likely course by which to arrive at any satisfactory conclusion regarding them. The *Economist* says:

Our net imports last year cost us 315,930,000, whereas if we had paid the same prices for them as in 1884, they would have cost us 324,800,000. Consequently the fall in prices last year enabled us to effect a saving of 19,000,000 in our expenditure on foreign products. On the other hand, however, it entailed upon us a loss in the sale of our products to foreigners. Had we not the same prices for our goods as in 1884, the value of our exports last year would have amounted to £223,800,000. Their actual value, however, was just a little over 213,000,000, so that to the fall in prices we have to attribute a loss of nearly 10,000,000, which has to be set against the gain of 19,000,000 in our imports. Of course, the balance of 9,000,000 was not pure profit, being offset in many ways; but still the fact remains that the fall in prices was by no means as prejudicial to the country as a whole as is commonly represented.

The difficulty regarding the closing of Batoum contains the elements of a very threatening quarrel between Russia and England. This port, long the envy of Russia, was ceded to that country, after much hesitation on the part of Lord Beaconsfield and Salisbury, by the Treaty of San Stefano. This hesitation on the part of the English representatives at the making of the Treaty of Berlin is said to have arisen from a fear that Russia would make of Batoum a second Sebastopol. However, according to M. de Blowitz, Lord Beaconsfield and Salisbury yielded to the assurances of Prince Bismarck, who, the correspondent alleges, emphasized his conviction that Batoum would remain permanently a free port and in any case would not be fortified. And this conviction must have been imparted to the English diplomatists themselves when the Russian Representatives yielded to their representations and consented to the 59th article of the Berlin Treaty being drafted as follows:

«Sa Majesté L'Empereur de Russie déclare son intention de s'abstenir de fortifier ce port, franc et essentiellement commercial.»

In other words, as M. de Blowitz puts it, Batoum was to be given to Russia on condition that it would never be fortified on any pretext whatever, at least so long as the Treaty of Berlin remained in existence. This at all events was the view of the matter taken by the Times and other English journals at the time, and it is certainly what Lord Beaconsfield fought for. No sooner, however, had Lord Beaconsfield retired from office than the Russians set about fortifying the place, until now it has become a great military port, and has been declared no longer free. Most of the European journals, with the exception of the Russian, of course, consider Russia has committed a distinct breach of faith, directly involving the reputation of English statesmanship, as it was through English statesmanship, and that alone, that Batoum became a free port. Of course, the reputation of the other parties to the treaty is equally at stake, but the affront to England is more direct on the above account than to the others. Some Russian journals, among them those which receive official communications on the other hand, say that the opinion that Russia's act constitutes a violation of the Treaty of Berlin is erroneous, inasmuch as Batoum was constituted a free port under the influence of circumstances which since then have absolutely changed. Batoum, they say, has ceased to be an entrepôt of foreign merchandise between Europe and Persia, it has only preserved an import trade of importance, and it is hampered in by a customs cordon on the land side. At present, therefore, there are no longer any external interests to induce Russia to continue making sacrifices to the great detriment of the country surrounding Batoum. Other journals try to evade the article in the Treaty by contumacious quibbling, saying that the present case though

he would feel bound by his father's actual promises does not feel compelled to carry out his father's intentions when altered circumstances render it expedient to do otherwise. Probably the real reason, however, for Russia's arbitrary action, is to be found in her irritation for being checked in Bulgaria and Roumelia. M. de Freycinet, ever eager to show his desire to side with Russia, has made it known semi-officially that France will maintain an attitude of complete indifference on the subject. The other Governments are not likely to express the same indifference on the point, and Britain has at least shown, despite the uncertain condition of her ministerial affairs, that she does not intend to let Russia have all her own way. It is unfortunate, however, as the *Deutsche Zeitung* ironically remarks, that Russia always selects for her anti-English coups the moment when Mr Gladstone, that tried friend of Russia, is in office and in trouble.

The U.S. Senate, on the 8th ult., refused to allow a naval lieutenant to accept a decoration from the Emperor of China.

REAR Admiral Shufeldt, U.S.N., is expected to arrive at Hongkong on Thursday, the 12th instant, on his way to Peking.

Princess Chun, according to the *Shanghai Herald*, was to give audience to all the Foreign Ministers at Peking on the 6th instant.

The *Japan Herald* hears that in view of the good relations which exist between the Government of Japan and that of Great Britain the Imperial Order of the Chrysanthemum has been conferred on the Prince of Wales.

Says the *Japan Herald*—We believe we are correct in stating that an understanding has virtually been reached that mixed residence shall be provided for in the new treaties, in consideration of a certain measure of Japanese jurisdiction outside of existing treaty limits being agreed to.

The *Japan Herald* is responsible for the following:—The subscription in Shanghai for a memorial to the late Sir Harry Parkes, it is rumored, is not being proceeded with as satisfactorily as desired, the amount for which the late Sir Harry Parkes had written his name on the list being, for such an object, much smaller than might have been reasonably anticipated.

A REVIEW of the records of the Custom House at San Francisco relating to Chinese return certificates shows that 43,434 return certificates have been issued to Chinese laborers, and 600 to Chinese merchants, 17,605 of which have been returned, and the balance of 25,829 are probably in China, and the question is whether they are being sold wholesale, and whether there will be more of false impersonation. The Six Companies claim by their books that 11,000 Chinese left for China between the dates of the treaty and the Restriction Act, and should be admitted by the Court to land. This makes the number of Chinese due from China about 38,000.

The *Shanghai Courier* sees by the *Huapao* that since it has been decided that the Emperor Kwang Hail is to assume the reins of government on the 15th day of the first moon, next year, the residents at Peking were all anxious to know when the Emperor would be crowned. It is now made known that the Empress Regent has decided to have His Majesty's marriage take place during the year after next, when his age will be an odd number. The exact date has, however, not yet been fixed upon, and it is stated that the Empress Regent will make another election of the candidates for the future Emperor, before performing the ceremonies of betrothal.

Says the *Shanghai Mercury* of the 5th instant:—A snake about three and a half feet in length "squiggled" into the dining-room of Mr Brown's boarding establishment in Broadway on Saturday evening last, while one of the boarders was fortifying his inner man. The reptile, on seeing the man, jumped up, and crawled into the cavity of the wall close to the fireplace, from which, however, it was quickly poked out by the French cook belonging to the house, who, it is scarcely necessary to say, did not serve it up next day for dinner. Sundry blows with a stick soon terminated his snake-like existence, but the reptile was nevertheless hard. We believe it was not a poisonous species.

The Hankow correspondent of the *Shanghai Courier*, under the date 1st instant, says:—From a wealthy Chinese gentleman connected with a benevolent institution, I hear very sad news regarding the mortality among the natives of the many leprosy hospitals in the vicinity of the wall close to the fireplace, from which, however, it was quickly poked out by the French cook belonging to the house, who, it is scarcely necessary to say, did not serve it up next day for dinner. Sundry blows with a stick soon terminated his snake-like existence, but the reptile was nevertheless hard. We believe it was not a poisonous species.

such a warning, at all events, could do no harm, and it might be issued at very small expense.

This Kiukiang correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury*, writing on the 1st instant, says:—Sickness has been rife among both natives and foreigners, and I regret to have to record the death, on the 28th ult., of Mr Charles Killen of the Customs Service, who now, alas,

«Sleeps the sleep that knows no waking.»

Mr Killen, who was well known in China as an amateur historian, leaves a large circle of friends to deplore his premature decease.

The *Shanghai Mercury* of the 5th instant records the death of a woman from alcohol. A foreign woman, going by the name of Mrs Cunningham, and to have been born in the United States of Irish parentage, died rather suddenly yesterday afternoon at her residence in North Soochow Road. On the report reaching the police, Drs Mills and McLeod viewed the body, and as they disagreed as to cause of death, a post-mortem examination was held, with the result that they declared that the woman died of chronic alcoholism. The disagreement between the two medical officers, we hear, because several marks were found on the body, but investigation showed that they had been caused by some fall from a staircase whilst Mrs Cunningham was under the influence of liquor.

According to the *Huapao* the price of rice in Kwangsi Province has lately risen to more than four taels per picul, whereas, formerly, it was only about 2,000 cash per picul. The copper cash has also increased in value, recently, and one tael of silver can only be exchanged for about 1,300 cash, which is 200 cash less than usual. The people here are great difficulty to obtain a living, and marks of privation are plainly visible on their faces. It is undoubtedly the duty of the Government to devise means for the relief of the unfortunate inhabitants, but the treasury is empty, and the officials are unable to supply the necessities of the people. Although the Province has been supplied with rice shipped from Annam, Burmah, India, Japan, and Wuhu, the price of rice is still very high, on account of the great difficulty of transportation. The building of railroads from Tongking to Kwangsi would greatly diminish the misery of the people in that Province. —*Shanghai Courier*.

The anti-Chinese lull in America (according to the *San Francisco Herald*) is subsiding. The N. C. D. News, has submitted. The Baptist preacher Banfill, who undertook to fire the American heart against the Mongolian, has returned to his own calling; his character has suffered a total immersion. His coadjutor, McGlashan, is probably weary of the job, and he may find more profitable than hounding Chinamen. A number of suits are pending against parties who undertook to boycott employers of Chinamen. Congress has refused to appropriate the money required to carry out the Exclusion Act, and it is unlikely that the national assembly will do so. There are many who believe that, before half a dozen years elapse, this coast will demand the repeal of the law. If the Canadians have the wit to repeal their restrictions on Chinese immigration, the Pacific Mail steamers would probably consider the expediency of running to Port Moody to connect with the Canadian Pacific, instead of running to San Francisco to connect with our transcontinental lines; that would quickly revolutionize public feeling on the Chinese question.

The *Siam Advertiser* of the 31st July contains the following farewell address to its readers. We do not know what position this journal occupied in Bangkok, but we sincerely think its disappearance will be missed outside the Siam capital. The next number of the *Siam Weekly Advertiser* will complete the 17th year of its existence. We are frank to admit that in the seventeen years, the journal has never fully covered expenses—we shall therefore discontinue its publication. During the existence of our little journal, we have aimed unobtrusively to promote the interests of all parties, to note passing events, give information about Siam, its condition, prospects, and progress as a basis for a future history of the times of the existence of the journal, and never during that time did we write an article designed to injure any one, even our enemies, if we have the Vernacular paper, the *Sayaphan Samut*, will on the 17th of next month have completed the fourth year of its existence. The aim of this journal was the same as those of the *Siam Weekly Advertiser*. After the issue of the 17th of August 1886, we shall cease to publish this journal for the same reasons as stated above. We have always had staunch and unwavering supporters, since we entered into business in 1869. To these we tender our best thanks, and offer, in the future, as heretofore our very best services. Our printing office will continue its work as usual, and will give the usual to book and job printing. The discontinuance of the two weekly journals will relieve us of much anxiety and toil, and some annual loss, and will give us more time to attend to the better execution of the work, which our patrons will send to our printing establishment.

We take the following from Mr Peter Maclean's *Shanghai Commercial Circular*:—Exchange continued perverse up to the end of the week, and the rate of the United States dollar was 100 to 105. The "situation" as far as the importing holder was concerned had become very "mixed." Nor is his way much clearer now, albeit sterling rates have since been quoted steady with a slightly strengthening tendency. And his feelings? What have they been under the circumstances? Echo answers: those must be imagined; they cannot be described. 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E. L. WOODIN,
Acting Superintendent,
Hongkong, August 3, 1886. 1490

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent,
Hongkong, August 6, 1886. 1517

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Station. Barometer at Sea Level. Direction. Force. Weather. Rain during 24 hours.

Manila. 29.83 88 19 SSW 3 c —
Haiphong. 29.78 90 SE 1 c —
Hongkong. 29.76 85 SW 1 c —
Amoy. 29.78 86 71 SSW 3 c —
Poochoo. 29.83 88 71 NNE 3 c —
Shanghai. 29.90 — — — —
Nagasaki. 29.90 — — — —
Wlcock. 29.65 73 — — 0 b —

AT 10 A.M.—AUGUST 9.
Manila. 29.86 86 70 WSW 1 b —
Haiphong. 29.76 85 SSW 1 c —
Hongkong. 29.77 85 74 W 1 c —
Amoy. 29.74 82 87 SW 3 c —
Poochoo. — — — —
Shanghai. — — — —
Nagasaki. 29.94 — — — —
Wlcock. 29.71 68 100 SE 3 f 0.4

The barometer has fallen. "Gradients are moderate for S. winds. The temperature is high, the humidity moderate and the weather cloudy."

W. DOBIECK,
Government Astronomer,
Hongkong Observatory, Wednesday, Aug. 9.

1. Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, and to the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.
2. Thermometer, in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.
3. Humidity, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4. Direction of Wind, to two points.
5. Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.
6. State of Weather, b blue sky, c drizzling clouds, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hazy, i lightning, o overcast, p passing shower, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w wet (rain).
7. Rain, in inches, tenths and hundredths.

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This number contains several articles of interest and value. "North China Herald." "The China Review" for September-October fully maintains the high standard of excellence which characterizes that publication, and altogether forms a very interesting and readable number. Meteorologists will find an interesting and valuable contribution by Dr. Fritzsche, on the Amount of Precipitation (Rain and Snow) of Peking, showing the results of observations made at the Imperial Russian Observatory at Peking, from 1841 to 1880. "Notes on the Dutch Occupation of Formosa," by Mr. Geo. Phillips, contains some interesting information, although much of it is somewhat stale.

New Books include a most generous and appreciative review of "The Divine Classic of Nan-Hua," and the Notes and Queries are as usual very interesting. "North-China Daily News."

A substantial and reliable Review which all students of China and the Chinese would do well to patronize. "Chrysanthemum."

"The November-December number of the China Review contains less variety than usual, but the few articles are very interesting. The opening paper by Mr. Herbert A. Giles on "The New Testament in Chinese" bristles with a question that must necessarily be of great importance in the eyes of all missionaries. Mr. E. H. Parker's "Short Journeys in Szechuen" are continued, and a goodly instalment of these travels in the interior of China is given. Mr. F. H. Balfour contributes a paper of some length entitled "The Emperor Cheng, founder of the Chinese 'Empire,' which will be read with genuine interest by students of Chinese history. A few short notices of New Books and a number of Notes and Queries, one of which "On Chinese Oaths in eastern Borneo and Java" might appropriately be placed under a separate heading, complete the number. "H.K. Daily Press."

Trubner's Oriental Record contains the following notice of the China Review: "The present publication, judging by the number now before us, is intended to occupy a position as a Chinese and the Chinese degree of interest led to the publication of this journal, which is similar to that which has been filled in India by the 'Calcutta Review.' The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs, and the various bodies of scholars, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now assiduously cultivated, and who are severally represented in the first number of the Review by papers highly creditable to their respective authors."

Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked by both accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese poet-statesman of the eleventh century, Su Tung-p'o, by Mr. E. C. Bowra, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Bodley notes of new books relating to China and the East, which are of a useful nature, are included in the Review, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that "Notes" and "Queries" are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the China Review may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance.

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Antonio	Brit. str.	1614	July 28	Master		
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Coriambro	Brit. str.	973	Aug. 9	Douglas Steamship Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
City of Rio de Janeiro	Amer. str.	3584	Aug. 31	M. S. S. Co.	San Francisco	To-day
Crusader	Brit. str.	648	Aug. 11	R. R. Marty	Shanghai	Laid up
Dafila	Brit. str.	552	May 29	Wielor & Co.	Saigon	For sale
Devonport	Brit. str.	1187	Aug. 1	Siemens & Co.		14th inst.
Drachensberg	Dutch str.	1280	Aug. 13	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Quarry Bay	Laid up
Gaelic	Brit. str.	1550	July 13	63 Malacca & Co.	San Francisco	
Galley of Lorne	Brit. str.	2690	Aug. 60	O. S. S. Co.		
Haiphong	Brit. str.	1380	Aug. 1	Russell & Co.	Yokohama & Kobe	To-morrow
Hartford	Brit. str.	1122	Aug. 25	Douglas Steamship Co.	K'loon Dock	Laid up
Idona	Brit. str.	1296	July 28	Russell & Co.		
Idona	Brit. str.	297	Aug. 9	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Amoy and Tamsui	
Japan	Brit. str.	1860	Aug. 9	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Calcutta	Coast Dock
Jardine	Brit. str.	1204	July 19	Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Kat Sang	Brit. str.	1411	Aug. 9	Butterfield & Swire	London & Singapore	To-day
Kat Sang	Brit. str.	1436	Aug. 9	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Leith	Brit. str.	127	June 18	Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Mongkut	Brit. str.	889	Aug. 9	Yuen Fat Hong		
Oceanic	Brit. str.	3807	Aug. 18	O. S. S. Co.		
Oxfordshire	Brit. str.	983	Aug. 9	Russell & Co.		
Peshawar	Brit. str.	2150	Aug. 10	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Europe, &c.	12th inst.
Pilot Fish	Brit. tug.	161	Aug. 1	H. K. & W. Dock Co.		Tug plying
Port Adelaide	Brit. str.	1783	Aug. 6	Siemens & Co.		
Position	Brit. str.	2010	Aug. 7	Hungarian Lloyd S. N. Co.	Trieste & Sapore	
Port Louis	Brit. str.	1060	July 10	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Proton	Brit. str.	1150	Aug. 9	Edmund Schollhaus & Co.		
Quanta	Brit. str.	733	Aug. 9	Ed. Schollhaus & Co.	Newchwang	To-day
Roma	Brit. str.	4202	Aug. 7	Siemens & Co.	Hamburg	
Salto	Brit. str.	323	Aug. 7	R. R. Marty		
Signal	Brit. str.	385	Aug. 9	Siemens & Co.	Hothow, &c.	
Soochow	Brit. str.	312	Aug. 30	Chinese		
Stettin	Brit. str.	1878	Aug. 30	Malacca & Co.		
Suez	Brit. str.	1385	May 17	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Sydney, &c.	
Tanahjong	Brit. str.	1309	Aug. 9	W. Legge	Nagasaki	
Thibet	Brit. str.	1071	Aug. 9	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	14th inst.
Zafro	Brit. str.	675	Aug. 6	Russell & Co.	Manila	To-morrow

Sailing Vessels						
Alex. McNeil	8 c	David	Amer. sh.	1038	July 17	Messageries Maritimes
Alma	4 c	Alberta	Ger. bge.	938	May 12	Carlowitz & Co.
Andrea	3 c	Eoyer	Ger. bge.	424	July 21	Wieler & Co.
Annie H. Smith	8 c	Brown	Amer. sh.	1452	July 11	Siemens & Co.
Annie W. Weston	6 c	Duncan	Amer. bge.	733	July 20	Order
Benjamin Sowell	9 c	Uimer	Amer. sh.	1362	July 23	Pustan & Co.
Bonnie	3 c	St. James	Amer. sh.	1362	July 23	Pustan & Co.
Charon	4 c	Obersen	Ger. bge.	468	Aug. 3	Wieler & Co.
Charon Wattana	3 c	Ulrich	Siam. bge.	468	June 28	Chinese
Cosmo	3 c	Bennet	Brit. bje.	1229	July 2	Russell & Co.
Don Enrique	4 c	Croner	Brit. sh.	1344	June 6	Carlowitz & Co.
E. J. Spence	3 c	Gill	Brit. bge.	319	June 6	Gonsalves & Co.
Francis B. Fay	3 c	Pettegrove	Amer. bge.	845	Aug. 4	Chinese
Frederick	3 c	St. James	Ger. bge.	336	July 17	Siemens & Co.
Galea	5 c	Colville	Brit. sh.	1033	Aug. 1	Borneo Co., Limited.
Gleadow	3 c	Stunkel	Ger. bge.	619	July 24	Order
Glenview	4 c	Denamore	Brit. sh.	1498	June 4	Pustan & Co.
Importer	6 c	Wessels	Amer. bge.	1207	June 17	Carlowitz & Co.
India	8 c	Nist	Amer. sh.	1230	July 2	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
J. D. Peters	6 c	Lano	Amer. sh.	1013	June 18	Pustan & Co.
J. H. Bowers	3 c	Flann	Amer. bje.	67	June 18	Chinese
Lucy A. Nicksel	5 c	Moreson	A. Hun. sh.	1330	July 12	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Maclaurin	3 c	Nichols	Amer. sh.	1418	July 12	Edward Schollhas & Co.
Pactolus	9 c	Little	Amer. sh.	13	July 2	Melchers & Co.
Revolving Light	3 c	Barham	Amer. sh.	1144	July 18	Order
R. R. Thomas	8 c	Durkee	Brit. sh.	1316	July 17	Messageries Maritimes
Shanghai	3 c	Thames	Amer. sh.	1331	July 17	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Stephen	7 c	Anglia	Amer. sh.	1326	July 17	Russell & Co.
Three Brothers	7 c	Merzenich	Ger. - sh.	1267	June 30	Order
Wandering Minstrel	2 c	Kalkide	Brit. bge.	367	Aug. 9	Ee Tye Hong
Zouave	5 c	Hudson	Brit. botim.	366	April 14	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
	6 c	Soper	Amer. sh.	1151	July 2	Order